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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/099,777	BROWN ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	CamLinh Nguyen	2161

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendments to the specification and the drawings are acknowledged. Consequently, objection to the drawings is withdrawn.
2. Applicant's amendments to claims 1 - 20 are acknowledged. Consequently, claims 1 – 20 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Vahalia et al (U.S. 6,275,953).

♦ As per claim 1, 6, 11, 16,

Vahalia discloses a method, a computer program product (Fig. 7, 9, 25) of exporting file systems comprising the steps of:

- “Consulting a file associated with a mount point of a mounted file system to retrieve needed information to export the file systems, the mount point being the point at which the file systems are mounted on a computer system” See col. 13, lines 19 – 26. Vahalia teaches that the files are organized in a directory structure and also included mount points (col. 10, lines 55, col. 17, lines 18 - 23).

Vahalia also teaches that the file name is searched in the directory structure (col. 13, lines 34 – 39). The mount point can be attached into the directory structure, so that the tree is traversed from the root to the file to be accessed (col. 13, lines 51 – 55). Therefore, the file that located in the directory tree structure corresponds to the “file associated with the mount point”.

“The mount point being the point at which the file systems are mounted on a computer system” See col. 13, lines 1 – 3.

- “Exporting the file systems” See col. 13, lines 55 – 58.

◆ As per claim 2, 7, 12, 17, Vahalia discloses:

- “The method of claim 1 wherein the needed information is names of devices within which the file systems are located” Some of the information stored in the data mover are the Network IP address, remote file system, which can recognize the client device (See Fig. 11, Fig. 33, and corresponding text)

◆ As per claim 3, 8, 13, 18, Vahalia discloses:

- “The method of claim 2 wherein the file systems are exported without first being mounted” Vahalia teaches that to reduce the loading of the cached disk storage, the data mover have a local file directory, which can reference to other storage. Therefore, the files are exported without first being mounted.

◆ As per claim 4, 9, 14, 19, Vahalia discloses:

- “The method of claim 3 wherein the file is an extended attribute file” As specified in the disclosure, page 15, the extended attribute file is a link that link to other directory and contains information to export the pathname of the other file system. The node that

references to other node also is a link that can reference to other location (col. 17, lines 15 – 23).

◆ As per claim 5, 10, 15, 20, Vahalia discloses:

- “The method of claim 4 wherein each mount point has an extended attribute file” col. 17, lines 15 – 23.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 12/22/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the Vahalia reference fails to disclose “consulting a file associated with a mount point”. The Examiner respectfully disagrees.

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Vahalia also teaches that the file name is searched in the directory structure (col. 13, lines 34 – 39). The mount point can be attached into the directory structure, so that the tree is traversed from the root to the file to be accessed (col. 13, lines 51 – 55). Therefore, the file that located in the directory tree structure corresponds to the “file associated with the mount point”. When the system traverses the directory tree it must consult the plurality of files that associated with the mount point.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

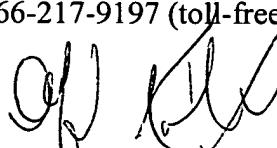
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CamLinh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272 - 4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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